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House Considers Bill To End Ft. Huachuca Land Disputes

PHOENIX, March 24—The bill designed to settle jurisdictional difficulties at Ft. Huachuca moved a step closer to passage when the House Committee on Public Lands and Livestock voted it out for consideration of the whole House. Rep. Earl Pugh (D-Maricopa), committee chairman, said the bill had some opposition within the committee but that since major objections had been withdrawn, it was cleared with only four opposing votes. The committee supported an amendment to the measure prepared to clear up the major objections.

The amendment would give the Air Force exclusive jurisdiction over four airfields in the state as at present. The bill gives military concurrent jurisdiction with the state over lands withdrawn from the public domain for military purposes and sets up a method for settling any disputes which might arise.

Pugh said Reps. W. L. (Tay). Cook (D-Cochise), Keith Brown (R-Pima), Tom Berry (D-Greenlee) and T. C. Rhodes (D-Maricopa), voted against reporting the measure.